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किया, क्यों किया, इसका जवाब मैं तो नहीं दे सकता। अगर कहीं दुरुपयोग हुआ है तो वह रिव्यु कमेटी उस पर जरूर कान्नीजेंस लेगी और उसका काम करेगी।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Funds allocated for modernisation of Indian Army

*462. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has embarked on modernisation through procurement of latest weapons and strategic equipments;

(b) if so, the amount sought and allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether it is a fact that the modernisation process of the defence forces is hampered by scant release of funds;

(d) if so, the reasons for curtailment of funds; and

(e) if not, the amount sought by the defence forces and allocated by Government for modernisation during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) to (e) The Indian Army has embarked on a modernisation programme over the past decade.

Fund allocation is made by the Ministry of Finance taking into account the projections of the Ministry of Defence and based on the total resources available to the Goverment of India. A Statement indicating the amounts sought by and allocated to the Army during the last three years for modernisation programme is given below :

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount sought	BE Allocation
2000-2001	10,200.46	5,558.63
2001-2002	9,461.44	5,803.00
2002-2003	7,414.47	6,550.00

Modernisation of the defence forces is an on-going process keeping in view the security imperatives and threat perception and is carried out through judicious use of resources allocated.

A Statement indicating the amounts sought by and allocated to defence forces (Army, Air Force and Navy) for modernisation for the last three years is given below :

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount sought	BE Allocation
2000-2001	20,523.29	15,980.56
2001-2002	21,808.12	17,815.76
2002-2003	25,514.15	18,858.42

Land used for mining on Indo-Pak Border

†*464. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of farmers whose land was used for land mining during 'Operation Parakram' on Indo-Pak border;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work of removal of these land mines has not been done so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even the compensation provided to the farmers is meagre and the livelihood of their families is not possible with the compensation; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to pay adequate compensation to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) to (d) During 'Op. Parakram', land was utilized for deployment of troops, locating stores and for other operational requirements, including laying of mines. The information regarding the number of farmers whose land was used specifically for purposes of laying of mines is 'secret' due to operational reasons.

Demining operations commenced after the Government decided in October,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.